Medical History PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION

THE Prize Essay Competition which closed on 31 December 1958 attracted wide interest, essays being submitted by fifteen readers of *Medical History* from many parts of the world. The essays covered a surprisingly wide range of subjects and many of them reached a high standard.

The judges (Dr. William Brockbank, Sir Zachary Cope, and Dr. F. N. L. Poynter) were unanimous in awarding the £25 prize given by the publishers of *Medical History* to:

DR. W. D. FOSTER, LOUIS JENNER LABORATORY, ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, LONDON, S.E.I.

Dr. Foster's essay, submitted under the pseudonym of 'Dytiscus', deals with 'The Early History of Clinical Pathology in Great Britain'. It will be published in the July 1959 issue of *Medical History*.

The judges highly commended the essays of three other competitors:

- 'Beaver'—Marian A. Patterson, Librarian, Academy of Medicine, 228 Bloor Street West, Toronto 5, Canada: 'The Life and Times of the Hon. John Rolph, M.D., 1793–1870'.
- 'Cagliostro'—Dr. Michael Kelly, 410 Albert Street, East Melbourne, C.2, Australia: 'Sir James Mackenzie and Cellular Pathology'.
- 'Country Doctor'—Dr. R. M. S. McConaghey, Prospect House, Newcomen Road, Dartmouth, Devon: 'Medical Practice in a Small Town: a Contribution to the History of Medical Practice'.

These three essays will also be published in Medical History in due course.

We thank all those who entered the competition and congratulate them on the high standard of their work.